

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

December 28, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black  
Commissioner Jim Daniel  
Commissioner Rick Hall  
Commissioner Robert Peay  
Commissioner Doug Shafer  
Commissioner Mike Sparks  
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Cumbey Gaines  
Lynn Duke Regina Nelson  
Dan Goode Lois Miller  
Roger Allen Sara Lovett  
Tracy Hill Ronald Williams  
Mike Nunley Bart Smith  
Larry Farley David Manning  
Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BICYCLE CLUB:

Sara Lovett, Advocacy Chair of the Murfreesboro Bicycle Club addressed the Committee advising they wanted to educate citizens, motorists and bicyclists on the rules of the road and to promote bicycle lanes and signage to encourage bicycling as this was cheaper than treating medical conditions caused by obesity. Commissioner Ronald Williams advised he would like to continue the dialogue and have an ad hoc committee to educate people, encourage use of some roads, discourage use of other roads and get the press to disseminate the information.

SMYRNA RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

David Manning presented the Smyrna Rescue Squad report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Smyrna Rescue Squad report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PAWS REPORT:

Tracy Hill presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

DRUG COURT REPORT:

No one was in attendance to present the Drug Court report.

WHEEL TAX OFFICER'S REPORT:

Bart Smith presented the Wheel Tax Officer's report for the use and information of the Committee advising he intended to ask Mac Nolen, Convenience Center director, if the litter crew could put the litter at the closest convenience center when the trailer gets full to

avoid going all the way to Walter Hill and loosing the rest of the day picking up litter. Mr. Smith advised this saves time as the crew spends more time on the road than picking up the litter. Additionally, Mr. Smith advised Mr. Nolen has worked on the Sam's Club recycling center to keep the area clean and has been a great help to the litter program. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the Wheel Tax Officer's report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

#### JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

#### AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

#### CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Mayor Burgess advised the Correctional Work Center was operating under stressful circumstances.

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

#### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Regina Nelson first presented proposed budget amendments of \$46,721 increase to Account #101-47250 (L.E. Grants) and Account #54210-709 (Data Proc. Equip) and \$6,000 from Account #54210-189 (Salaries) to Account #54210-336 (R&M Equipment). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the budget amendments of \$46,721 increase to Account #101-47250 (L.E. Grants) and Account #54210-709 (Data Proc. Equip) and \$6,000 from Account #54210-189 (Salaries) to Account #54210-336 (R&M Equipment). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next provided the line item reports for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Sheriff's Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Roger Allen next presented the Emergency Management activity report and Larry Farley presented the Fire Coordinator's report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay,

to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

TIGER HILL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER:

Roger Allen advised a long term lease through the State Forestry Division for a communications tower on Tiger Hill has been approved and receipt of the same is expected anytime. This is the beginning point of improving emergency provider communications in the County and grant money is available for this tower. Mr. Allen advised he was asking permission for execution of the lease and contractual documents when received.

Commissioner Peay questioned if they had followed up with cell companies to use their towers. Mayor Burgess advised the cell towers are probably not tall enough and this is one of five towers to correct the communications problems. Commissioner Peay advised he would like to see the Communication Committee's report on what dead spots will be taken care of. Mayor Burgess advised it will take all projected towers to cover the communications problems. Mayor Burgess advised there is no cost for the lease and Homeland Security money is being used for construction of the tower. Rutherford County will have to fund some of the costs to get the entire project implemented.

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to authorize acceptance of the lease with the State Forestry Division on Tiger Hill and execution of the same by the Mayor and required County officials. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Lois Miller next provided financial information on worker's compensation claims versus OJI claims advising the focus is on safety and using risk transfer tools such as long term disability to make the OJI program a success.

The Committee was next provided a review of drug testing results of the first nine months of 2009 advising only 1% of the claims were denied due to the drug test. The Committee was also provided the cost of reporting all non-medical injuries as claims would increase the cost on those claims by almost five times. Also provided was information on what testing is done by the County, Murfreesboro, Smyrna, Williamson and Sumner Counties. Mr. Goode advised it was his recommendation the County keep the drug testing program as is. Ms. Miller advised she felt comfortable with the drug testing policy as is considering a year ago no testing was being done.

The Committee was provided and reviewed a draft of the OJI plan document advising it had been approved by unanimous vote of the Insurance Committee. The Committee reviewed the plan document being advised of changes. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to forward to the Budget Committee the OJI plan document as presented with a favorable recommendation with a request a copy be put in each Commissioner's box by December 30, 2009. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON BICYCLE SAFETY:

Commissioner Sparks inquired as to the ad hoc committee on bicycling. Commissioner Sparks advised a planner from the Planning Department may be good. Commissioner Shafer suggested someone from the Sheriff's Department. Chairman Farley suggested maybe an event organizer and someone from the Highway Department.

Commissioner Peay advised the information could be aired on Channel 19. Mayor Burgess advised he has a tape from Metro Nashville that could be aired on the subject.

Chairman Farley advised the ad hoc committee on bicycle safety will be a Bicycle Club representative, Commission representative Ronald Williams, Sheriff's Office designee, Doug Demosi or his designee and a Highway Department representative to determine preventative measures for safety, guidelines for events and to make recommendations on a permitting process for events. Chairman Farley to advise the members of the Committee of the appointment.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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GARY FARLEY, Chairman